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Source has sailed Central and South American waters for many years, and is evaluated by US Navy's preparing officer as a competent observer.

When I was last in Costa Rica April 1954 I was told by a government official of that country (whose name I promised not to disclose) that some merchant ships have been painting on false names and fraudulently hoisting the Costa Rican flag prior to entering Soviet and Communist Chinese satellite ports. The specific countries and ports were unnamed.

- [The Navy's preparing officer places little credibility in the allegation of fraudulent hoisting of the Costa Rican flag, but prepared the report feeling that it might prove of interest.]

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